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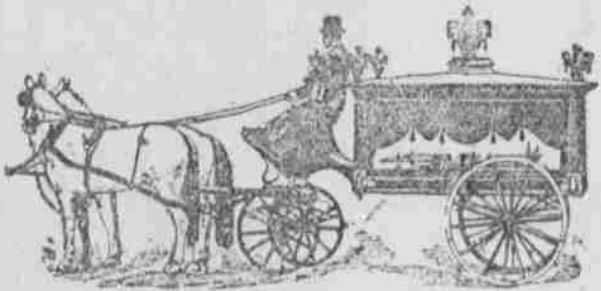
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MISSIONARY UNION.

The Missionary and Educational Union held their fourth Quarterly Meeting at the Fifteenth Avenue Church Friday, December 13. Quite an interest was manifested in the work of the Union. Money collected for missions and education, \$6.00. The meeting adjourned to meet the first Friday in January at Mount Olive Baptist Church for the election of officers for the ensuing year. We are thankful for the interest manifested by some of the District Vice President. We have organized three new societies in the past month in the following churches: Mt. Zion, Mt. Gilead and First Street Baptist. We hope other doors will be opened for the women who are anxious to work to do something; we appeal to the pastors to help us.

Sunday, December 8, at the appointed hour the Union held its rally for Roger Williams University at the New Building. Many of the pastors were called away at another important gathering, but we had the following brethren present, who helped and encouraged us very much: Revs. Page, Keil, Kenny, Haynes, the financial agent for Roger Williams, also President of our State Convention. We were also highly favored by having President-elect of the University, Prof. Johnson, present. He gave a stirring address which inspired our hearts greatly and made us feel that it is good to be here. First Baptist Church choir rendered excellent music. Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, the occasion was a success and \$46.00 contributed for the work.

The following churches and missionary societies and friends were the donors: Sylvan Street Baptist Church Missionary Society, \$11.05; Third Avenue, North Missionary Society, \$5.58; Zion Baptist Church, \$4.00; First Baptist Church Missionary Society, East Nashville,

\$3.60; First Baptist Church, \$3.05; Mt. Olive Baptist Church, \$2.25; First Street Baptist Church, \$1.95; Mt. Bethel Baptist Church, \$1.00; Tabernacle, \$1.00; Kayne Avenue, \$1.00; Mt. Nebo, 71 cents; Sixth Street Church, 50 cents; Fifteenth Avenue Church, 50 cents; Friend in Chattanooga, Tenn., \$5.00; Mrs. Lizzie Walton, Selma, \$1.00; Rev. Page and Wife, \$1.50; Bro. Huddleston, 50 cents; Mrs. E. Reed, 25 cents; Bro. Kenney, 35 cents; Sunshine Home, 45; miscellaneous, \$2.07. Total, \$46.00.

M. H. FLOWERS, Pres.
CARRIE DICKERSON, Sec.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING.

Lightfoot Lodge, No. 17, K. of L., met in their regular session and had their semi-annual election of officers as follows: J. P. Porter, C. C.; A. J. Bransford, V. C.; A. W. W. Upshaw, M. of W.; W. A. Potter, P.; A. L. Haddox, K. of R. & S.; G. B. Dodson, M. of F.; Dr. W. A. Reed, M. of E.; A. J. Bransford, Wm. Griggs, Trustees; J. P. Porter, G. B. Dodson and A. L. Haddox, Grand Representatives. Adf or A. N. Johnson

LINEN SHOWER.

Miss Willie M. Andrews, of 710 Ewing avenue, recently entertained a number of friends with a "linen shower," in honor of Miss Verna Mai Bingham, who was married to Mr. Fred Randle on Christmas eve. Those present were Misses Verna Mai Bingham, Irene Nixon, Susie L. Brown, Corine and Selene Peterson, Cleo Evans, Jennie and Nina Porterfield, Alberta and Maggie Stubbs, Blanche Randalls, Rebecca McCants, Mary and Virginia Whitaker. After a tempting lunch music and games were enjoyed by the young ladies. Many beautiful articles of hand made linen were received. Miss Sadie Alsop and Lucile Dobson received the guests.

MOVES INTO NEW CHAPEL.

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and, worse than all, criticised by a number of our own Negro Baptists. I hope, sir, that you will not remember it, and so far as my own brethren are concerned, I believe their criticism was sincere, for they had been told that there was a Negro in the wood-bill.

"I think, sir, since knowing you so well, that you simply prayed for them as Stephen did his persecutors, saying, 'Father, forgive them, for they know not what they say.'

"But, sir, I want to step from that day to this day, and tell you that you sowed in better soil, and better seed than you were possibly aware that you were sowing. From that little beginning eleven years ago I have invited you here to see a plant located on four large lots, six brick buildings, four of which we have erected with our own hands. I shall not discuss the first cost of these, for it was not more, perhaps, than \$25,000. But I tell you, sir, that a wealthy syndicate of Tennessee has asked me a third time if our Board would consider a cash proposition of surrendering our entire real estate and buildings for \$50,000, which proposition I have not even so much as laid before our Board, for they would only laugh and say, 'This property is not for sale.'

"I tell you, sir, that we have recently taken stock, and made out an itemized inventory, which shows our stock and machinery are invoiced at \$200,000. Hence from that little beginning—the plates that you furnished us, the advice and encouragement that you gave us eleven years ago, took root, sprang up and has grown to a plant that must stand valued in the market to-day at more than \$250,000.

"As a small token of our appreciation, or perhaps I had better say, as an attempt to convey to you some of the gracious appreciation for allowing us, the then 1,700,000 Negro Baptists, but now 2,500,000 Negro Baptists, and, if possible, in your declining days to give to you the assurance that you have to-day more innocent Negro children asking blessings upon you and your successors; more poor, yet proud and ambitious Negro Baptists honoring the name of J. M. Frost and his successors, than any other one man in America; to serve as a memory or a sign, I to-day present to you this ebony wood, gold-headed cane, Sir, this ebony wood will remind you that two million Negro Baptists honor the name and appreciate the acts of J. M. Frost and his associates.

"The gold upon this cane, sir, is not presented to you for the intrinsic value of gold, but because it is the purest metal known to civilization; we desire that this shall serve to refresh your memory that the hearts of Negro Baptists, and the gratitude therein to you, is as pure as the gold that covers the surface of this cane.

"You will notice, again, sir, that the knob upon the top of this cane is round; that is, it is endless. The true appreciation and the gratitude of the two million Negro Baptists are as endless and as boundless as the circle that forms the head of this cane.

"We have had simply engraved upon the head of this cane five words—'National Baptist Publishing Board 1896.' These five words, sir, represent five million people (two million Negro Baptists and three million followers). When you shall at leisure examine this engraving, do not think of the little plant of six brick buildings, the dozen or so printing presses, the binding machinery, the boilers, steam engines, the electric plant, stereotyping, the engraving, etc., which are in them, but think of their meaning and read it from bottom towards the top, from right towards the left, and you will read, '1896, Board, Publishing, Baptist, National.'

"We use the word 'Board' here, sir, to represent a Christian organization. We use the word 'Publishing' to tell that this organization is spreading the glad tidings of a resurrected Christ throughout the United States, Canada, Mexico, South America, West Indies Islands, Hawaiian Islands, Philippine Islands, West, Central and South Coast Africa, calling the benighted sons of Ham to awake from their long drowsy slumber, and get ready to reunite with their brothers, the sons of Shem and Japheth.

"We use the word 'Baptist' to tell that this organization holds dear and sacred the same principles advocated by John the Baptist, Jesus Christ, the Apostle Paul, the Apostolic Fathers; the same principles for which the Saints of the middle and dark ages suffered martyrdom and torture; the principles for which men were publicly whipped at the whipping posts in America; the same principles for which Roger Williams fled from his comfortable home in Massachusetts and settled in the swamps and wilds of Rhode Island; the same principles for which the colonies fought, bled and suffered; the same principles that have made the name of America famous.

"We use the word 'National' to intimate to you that a whole nation acquiesces in these principles. We use the four combined figures, '1896,' to indicate the day that these principles began to be put in book and pamphlet

form from the pens and the presses of Negro Baptists.

"And sir, in my feeble financial youth, I, their representative, leaned upon you for support, which you so readily gave. As you are slightly on the decline, and are liable to grow more feeble as time passes, we desire that you shall take this cane and lean upon it for physical support, as I, the representative of this organization, leaned upon you for moral and financial support."

After the presentation speech by Dr. Boyd, Rev. Dr. J. M. Frost arose—surprised, bewildered and amazed, as he did not know, until Dr. Boyd pulled the beautiful ebony cane from the book-case above his head, what was really taking place. There was nothing in the first part of the speech that would intimate what would occur; and not until the cane was really being presented did he realize that he was the honoree of the occasion. Notwithstanding he had been startled and confused by this well-laid surprise, he rallied and his speech was a masterpiece. He began it by confessing that he did not know what to say, which proved just to the reverse. He did know what to say, and he said it with the earnestness of purpose and with that true ring of sincerity that has ever been characteristic of him towards this institution and its management. He delivered the most timely, the most appropriate and the most instructive response in accepting the cane that has ever been heard in these six years that the institution has been conducting these exercises.

A beautiful part of his speech was that while the work of the institution and its great progress was due to the management of Dr. Boyd, that its success now and in the future depended first upon the support by his constituents; second, upon each employee performing his or her duty. In other words, that the making of history now meant the doing of the thing well that you are appointed to do, and that each employee was as responsible for the future success of the institution by the performance of his or her duty correctly as was Dr. Boyd. He closed by saying what we do now in the minor positions we hold, is just what we will do in the future, should we be promoted or find other employment.

The closing remarks were made by Dr. Boyd, in which he assured Dr. Frost that he had put forth every effort to keep any inkling of what would take place from reaching him—not even the Chairman of the Board or the Editorial Secretary, Rev. Ellington, knew what had been contemplated.

MRS. PRESTON TAYLOR GIVES
\$53.65 TO DAY HOME.

Result of Old-Fashioned Spelling Bee in Odd Fellows Auditorium.

One of the most enjoyable entertainments of the season was the old-fashioned Spelling Bee given at the Odd Fellows Auditorium last week by Mrs. Preston Taylor for the benefit of the Day Home. In addition to an elaborate and up-to-date menu, good old-time supper of barbecue and corn light bread was highly enjoyed, bringing as it did to the older minds vivid pictures of times gone by and to the younger ones, keen delight in partaking taking of the delicacies enjoyed by their grand mothers. The spelling bee was the amusing feature of the evening, the many young people entering into it with zest as well as merit. Every colored school of higher learning in the city was represented.

Of the many participants all fell out one by one, beaten in the game by some English word given out to them by Prof. F. G. Smith, principal of Pearl High School, until two only were left. Mr. Scott, of Walden University. It was only steel, for when Mr. — failed to spell a word Miss Scott failed to spell the same. After three trials on different words with the same result, Prof. Smith closed the match and announced one dollar in gold which was to go to the successful competitor, reverted to the Day Home treasury.

Other interesting features of the evening were short, forceful addresses by Hon. J. C. Napier and the Rev. Preston Taylor on the necessity of not only sustaining the Day Home, but having a building and making this work of aiding and caring for little children in our city permanent. The Manager of the Home, Mrs. A. M. Waters, told of its needs. The speakers were introduced in happy terms by Dr. J. E. Wells, the physician of the Home.

The elite of Nashville was present and the younger set added enjoyment to the pleasure by keeping time to strains of music. Every one missed the presence of Mrs. J. C. Napier, the president of the Day Home Club, who was visiting her brother and relatives in Washington, but all felt the genial and friendly presence of Mrs. L. B. Scott, the sweet, womanly woman who presided over the club, and carried on its business during the absence of its president.

This entertainment was not only successful in giving pleasure and information concerning a cause that needs assistance but helped that cause morally and financially to the im-

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fully for the benefit of the Home at a
time of its greatest need cannot be
too many or too high. There is no
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fort and sunshine to an unfortunate
little one. This is what Mrs. Taylor
has done.

Every one who so graciously aided
Mrs. Taylor in any way in making a
success of the entertainment has the
sincere thanks of Mrs. Taylor, every
member of the club, as well as of the
little children of the Home. The use
of the Auditorium for the entertain-
ment was given by Rev. Preston Tay-
lor.

CHRISTMAS EXERCISES AT THE
BLIND SCHOOL.

The Christmas exercises of the Ten-
nessee School for the Blind were held
Monday night, December 23, in the
chapel of the institution. The pro-
gram, which had been prepared with
care by the principal, Mrs. Susan
Lowe, ably assisted by Misses Com-
pton and Hunter, was a rare treat. It
showed careful attention by the in-
mates of the institution, and was an
enjoyable affair. Many of their hearts
were made glad by the receipt of
presents and tokens from loved ones.
It was pathetic to see them pass their
hands over some little token that they
had received, and then see their faces
light up with smiles of joy and appre-
ciation.

Mr. Alex. Rogers, an old Nashville
boy, who has figured conspicuously in
professional circles as a composer and
who for some time was with Williams
& Walker, spent a part of last week
in the city. He is a baritone singer
of the best schools. He ran down from
New York to visit relatives.